

CLARINDA HERALD EXTRA.

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IN ASHES,

But Still Among the Living.

The Herald's Home Gone to Smoke.

The Grand Linderman Hotel, the Pride of Clarinda, a Mass of Ruins.

The Fire Fiend in a Few Hours' Work Makes Sad Havoc in Our Beautiful City.

65 Thousand Dollars' Worth of Splendid Property Gone up in Flames.

A few minutes before twelve o'clock last night the fierce clang of the fire bell aroused our peacefully slumbering city, and summoned the people to witness the most disastrous conflagration that had ever visited the queen-city of southwestern Iowa. It had been so long since anything in the shape of a serious fire had occurred that our people did not know what the possibility of anything so destructive as that which they were compelled to witness. The elegant hotel, the Linderman, is a mass of ruins, the building recently purchased for THE HERALD's home, the one occupied by Mr. Frank Beal's store and the one occupied by Hartford, Beal & Co's implement store are all in ruins.

The fire first originated in the basement of Dr. H. C. Bidwell's office, but as to how it had its origin remains a mystery. The HERALD force was engaged all the afternoon in removing the office material to the building and to get an early start this morning all hands were busily engaged until ten o'clock in getting things in proper shape. Just before leaving, the office was carefully inspected and made to be sure that everything was all right for the night. The fire in the furnace was quite low and there was nothing whatever to suggest the awful calamity that was so soon to befall the city.

Mr. Wiel and Harry Bidwell were sleeping in Dr. Van Sandt's office on the second floor, and a few minutes before twelve o'clock, Mr. Wiel noticed a strong smell of gas or smoke and on an investigation discovered that it came from the hot air pipes leading from the furnace. He immediately proceeded to the rear of the building and found the basement full of smoke and gas.

He rushed to the engine house and gave the alarm in a most vigorous manner. The engine was soon on the ground but the firemen were unable to get at the fire, although as yet no

flame was discovered. After the basement doors were opened and the air rushed in, the work of destruction commenced in terrible earnest, and there was no abatement in the fury of the flames until all of the brick buildings on the block were in ruins. The fire spread very rapidly and in less than three hours the walls had fallen. The wind was blowing quite a stiff breeze from the south, thus effectually preventing the flames from spreading to the buildings on the square.

Great fear was entertained that the buildings north of the Linderman would fall a prey to the fire-depot of the heavy coating of snow and sleet on the roof of the buildings prevented the catastrophe.

As soon as the danger was appreciated the work of removing the goods from the Linderman and Beal's store was commenced in good earnest, and the work was accomplished very successfully. Nothing was taken from the Linderman's or from Dr. Van Sandt's office on the site of the building. Very little was taken from Hartford, Beal & Co's implement store and the parties occupying the second floor of the two buildings west of the Van Sandt building saved only a part of their goods.

THE LOSSES.

as nearly as we can give them at present, are divided about as follows. The Linderman, owned by the Hotel Company, loss on building and fixtures, about \$25,000, with \$10,000 insurance; the HERALD building, \$5,000 with \$2,500 insurance; Henry Hiatt building, occupied by Dr. C. E. Co., \$15,500, insured for \$3,500 by Hartford, Beal & Co., \$5,500, insured for \$4,000—making the loss on buildings about \$43,000, with insurance about \$22,000. The other losses can hardly be estimated. Dr. Van Sandt lost his office outfit entire, including his books, accounts, and many valuable papers, which makes his loss very heavy and of such a nature that it can hardly be repaired. Hartford, Beal & Co. loss about \$2,000 on stock, with no insurance. Beal's loss on stock of goods is very hard to estimate. Nearly all of them were carried out of the building but are of course more or less damaged. Dr. Kenneway loses about \$150, and Dr. Riekey \$20, on office fixtures. Barnes & Kennedy, the proprietors of the hotel, loss about \$6,000 on furniture with insurance to the amount of \$3,000. The entire losses foot up not less than \$65,000, with a total insurance of less than \$27,000, which makes by far the most serious scourging the city has ever undergone. It was a terribly bitter pill to be obliged to stand by and see such elegant and valuable property destroyed and not be able to make a struggle to suppress the flames. The engines were of no

service whatever, and while the people were depending and waiting on them to do service, much valuable property could have been saved.

THE LINDERMAN

was built in 1881 by a stock company. The amount of stock subscribed being \$100,000 with \$30,000 borrowed capital, making total cost of \$130,000. Beyond a doubt it was the finest hotel building in Western Iowa, and stock-holders and citizens of our county in general referred to it as the monument of the county. The loss to stock-holders will be about 50 per cent, as the insurance will pay off the mortgage. Following is a list of the stockholders and amount invested:

W B Beal	\$ 300
Powers' Estate	3 000
McPherrin Estate	200
Henry Hiatt	600
C Linderman	1 000
W W Morsman	800
O A Byington	1 600
G W Hooper	200
John McDowell	1 000
C E McDowell	500
G W Parish	600
V Graff	500
I J Poley	3 500
J D Hawley	200
J W Henderson	500
Wm Butler	100
W E Webster, estate	300

THE CLARINDA HERALD

Although badly scorched, in fact lies so far as the material substance of it concerned, it still lives, and "its soul is marching on." Our loss is very severe and comes with crushing force upon us so far as our pocket-books are concerned, but our spirits are just as buoyant as ever and our faith in the HERALD in CLARINDA and glorious old Page county is not diminished one iota. We are with them to stay and will fight it out on this line and do all in our power to add to the fair name and wide spread reputation it now enjoys. The HERALD was tried by fire once before and Phoenix-like rose from its ashes with renewed life and vigor, and if our friends will stand by us, as we feel confident they will, in our dire calamity, we can assure them that it is a question of only a little time until we will be fully equipped for regular service. The HERALD will be issued regularly and we must depend on our friends to help us make up the loss of our subscription books in order that it may make its regular visits. All of our books and accounts are gone, but if each of our subscribers will be willing to send in his or her books nearly as possible at the time in which he was paid, we will soon be able to complete our full list. We sent out statements to nearly all the first of this year, and in this means each may know how he stands. We feel very grateful to the many friends for the kind words of sympathy and good wishes for our future prosperity. Through the kindness of our neighbors of the Journal office we are enabled to issue this extra. We also acknowledge courtesies from the Democrat.

• Silina Schools deceased

Owned the following		real estate in Page Co	
Lieu at the time of her death			
S.E. & W.	25	68	37
S.E. N.W.	"	"	"
N.W. S.E.	"	"	"
S.W. N.E.	"	"	"
S $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E.	13	68	37
N $\frac{1}{8}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W.	32	68	36
N $\frac{3}{8}$ acres N.E. S.W.	30	68	36
<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>	
Total 4.546 B. 54 in Acre			
Price \$25. <u>00</u> per acre			

CHAPTER LXXII.
AN ACT to provide for the election of County Attorneys, define their duties and fix their compensation, and to repeal chapter 5, title 3, and section 10 of the Code of 1873.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Sect. 1. That at the general election in 1880, and every two years thereafter, a county attorney shall be elected in each county who shall hold his office for the term of two years following his election and until his successor is elected and qualified, who shall before he enters upon the duties of his office execute a bond to the State of Iowa, with two or more sureties, in a sum of not less than \$10,000, to be deposited with the county board of supervisors, which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, and shall be paid to the county treasurer of all moneys which shall come into the hands of such officer by virtue of his office, and shall be subject to audit by the county auditor and be recorded as other official bonds.

Sect. 2. The county attorney shall appear for the State and county in all cases and proceedings in the courts of his county to which the State or county may be a party, and in the Supreme Court in all cases in which the county is a party, and shall collect and pay over to the person or persons entitled to receive the same from the State or county, so far as he is able to collect the same; provided, that in criminal cases less than a felony, tried in the district court it shall be his duty to appear unless otherwise engaged in the performance of his official duties.

In criminal cases appealed from his county to the Supreme Court, he shall appear not less than three years prior to the term at which the case is to be heard, present and deliver the attorney general, a copy of the record of the cause, and a person in the trial of any cause in which the State or county is not interested, or in applications to the Supreme Court.

Sect. 4. The county attorney may appoint deputies, who shall act without any compensation from the State or county, in the discharge of his duties. With the approval of the district court he may procure such assistance in the trial of any cause as he may deem necessary of a felony as he may deem necessary, and such assistant, upon presenting to the board of supervisors a certificate of his services before whom said cause was tried, certifying the service rendered, shall be allowed a reasonable compensation, which may not exceed the amount of the compensation allowed to the board of supervisors. But nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the board of supervisors from employing an attorney to assist the county attorney in any cause or proceeding in which the State or county is interested.

Sect. 5. In criminal causes, or in the trial of the county attorney and his deputies, the court before whom it is his duty to appear and defend, shall fix the compensation for him to attend, and the county attorney, as well as county attorney by order to be entered upon the minutes of the board of supervisors, shall receive one-half of the compensation allowed to the attorney when such appears.

a. Justice

Place. Cedarville Iowa.

to sell his house & lot in
east of the Universalist church
giving first of Sept 70.
\$750.00 cash